

# Danube Delights **Including Oktoberfest!** Premium All-Inclusive River Cruise/Tour



# 11 Day Escorted Cruise/Tour departing 14 Sep 2024

## EXPERIENCE OKTOBERFEST!

Discover Vienna's fascinating imperial history and stunning architecture, before embarking on a 7-night river cruise showcasing some of the Danube's finest cities and landscapes; and indulge in the world renowned Oktoberfest festivities in Bavaria's capital Munich.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**:

- Visit several UNESCO heritage listed sites including Vienna's Schönbrunn Palace, the banks of the Danube in Budapest and the Wachau Valley
- Enjoy a concert in Vienna's famous Kursalon
- Admire the splendour and historic features of three capital cities: Vienna, Bratislava & Budapest
- Soak in the marvellous beauty of unspoilt landscapes and discover off the beaten path hamlets and remote townships
- Celebrate the Oktoberfest, the world's largest Volksfest in Munich with guaranteed table reservation in one of the largest beer tents



#### Day 1: Saturday 14 September 2024 Vienna, Austria

Arrive in Vienna. Check in to your hotel from 2pm. Afternoon is at leisure. *Overnight: Hotel Josefshof am Rathaus* 

#### Day 2: Sunday 15 September Vienna (B/L/D)

Today we explore the historic city of Vienna, where we will come across a plethora of unique café-houses and hear captivating stories about their famous patrons. But the real treasure lies in the diverse coffee offerings we can indulge in. The tour reaches its peak with a delightful coffee and cake experience at one of these charming cafés. This afternoon, we board our ship, A-ROSA DONNA and settle in, before we enjoy a concert at one of Vienna's most beautiful concert halls (transfers included). One of Vienna's most well-known classical music ensembles will provide a veritable musical firework, and virtuoso musicians, excellent opera singers and enchanting ballet soloists make for a truly unforgettable evening. 7 nights: A-ROSA DONNA **INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSIONS:** 1. The charm of Vienna & it's coffee

## 2. Concert at the Kursalon

#### Day 3: Monday 16 September Vienna (B/L/D)

Our included excursion today takes us to Schönbrunn Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Once a summer residence, later the year-round residence of Emperor Franz Joseph, Schönbrunn Palace is an integral part of Vienna's history.

INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSION: Schönbrunn Palace

#### Day 4: Tuesday 17 September Esztergom/Budapest, Hungary (B/L/D)

This morning we cruise the Danube, stopping in Esztergom for border control/customs. Once the capital of Hungary, Esztergom sits right on the bank of the Danube and can be admired directly from the river. The castle tower and mighty basilica form an amazing sight, rising up from the steep bank of the Danube. This afternoon, we arrive in Budapest. Enjoy an unobstructed view of Budapest most famous parliament building from the sun deck of our ship. This afternoon is free to explore Budapest, a city with 7 bridges in total, spanning the river between the neighbourhoods of Buda and Pest. At night, the "Queen of the Danube" shows her sparkling side. Already a feast for the eyes during the day, its sights, illuminated in the dark, are hard to beat in terms of beauty. Enjoy the trip along the Danube to Batthyány Square. When we stop opposite the Parliament building, the Danube and the Pest district lie as a glittering carpet at your feet.

INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSION: Budapest by night



#### Day 5: Wednesday 18 September Budapest, Hungary (B/L/D)

Our included excursion today is an exclusive tour of Budapest's culinary highlights. Discover the Budapest Market Hall, one of the largest in Europe and not to be missed! We take a tram along the banks of the Danube to a strudel house to try the typical strudel with meat and sauerkraut, and a walk to Cafe Gerbaud for sweet treats.

#### INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSION: Budapest's culinary highlights

#### Day 6: Thursday 19 September

**Bratislava, Slovakia** (B/L/D) Bratislava is the youngest capital city in Europe. Our included excursion combines the sights of the city with the culinary highlights where traditional Slovak specialties await. *INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSION: Bratislava's culinary highlights* 

#### Day 7: Friday 20 September Krems, Austria/Cruising Wachau

Valley/Melk (B/L/D) Wachau the section of the Danube Valley between Krems and Melk, an area with remarkably preserved medieval landscape. The town of Krems is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and no trip to the Wachau would be complete without a visit to Melk Abbey. Our included excursion begins in Dürnstein, whose main sight is the church with its blue and white baroque spire. The fortress, which towers over the city, was built in the middle of the 12th century and became the prison of King Richard I (Richard the Lionheart) about fifty years later. The fortress was widely destroyed in the 17th century and today, only the fascinating and romantic ruins remain. We will then continue along the Danube to one of Europe's most magnificent baroque buildings and the highlight of this excursion: the Benedictine Abbey Melk. Situated on a 60-metre-tall ridge, it offers a fantastic view over the Danube and the dreamlike landscape of the Wachau.

#### INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSION: Dürnstein and Melk Abbey

#### Day 8: Saturday 21 September Passau (Engelhartszell), Austria (B/L/D)

Today we enjoy a relaxing excursion along the picturesque River Inn. On the traditional wooden boats, also known as "Plätten", discover exciting stories and the special role of the River Inn. Afterwards, we continue towards the enchanting little town of Schärdingen. Known for its colourful baroque houses on the town square, take a stroll through the narrow streets, admire the magnificent architecture and discover cosy cafés and charming shops. **INCLUDED SHORE EXCURSION:** Idyllic boat trip and picturesque Schärding: a day on the River Inn

#### Day 9: Sunday 22 September Vienna, Austria/Munich, Germany (B/D)

This morning we disembark our ship and transfer to Munich to check in to our hotel, stopping enroute for lunch. Afternoon is at leisure, before dinner at the Augustiner Klosterwirt. 2 nights: Hotel Excelsior

#### Day 10: Monday 23 September Munich (B/L/D)

The day will commence with a guided walking tour through Munich charming old town, which includes the Munich Residence, the former royal palace of the Bavarian monarchs and other highlights such as the Church of her Old Lady "Frauenkirche" and the Marienplatz. After lunch we will depart for the famous "Wiesn", the venue of the famous Oktoberfest. With free time to explore the world largest beer festivals' many attractions, we'll meet at a reserved table in one of the large beer tents, with meal and drinks voucher included. A once in a lifetime evening awaits you!

#### INCLUDED EXCURSIONS: 1. Munich and its Royal Residence 2. Oktoberfest

Day 11: Tuesday 24 September Munich (B) Our tour finishes today.

B= Breakfast | L=Lunch | D=Dinner



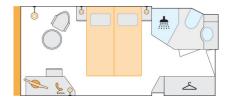
## Cruising with A-ROSA

German river cruise line A-ROSA was established in 2002 and operates a fleet of 15 ships on Europe's most beautiful rivers.

A-ROSA offers choice and flexibility in a contemporary premium setting. A-ROSA is the perfect pick for independent travellers of all ages, wishing to explore some of Europe's finest cities and sceneries in a relaxed environment.

#### A-ROSA PREMIUM ALL INCLUSIVE

- Open Bar (alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages)
- Buffet style multi-course gourmet full-board meals
- English-speaking travel & hotel management
- Free use of the on-board facilities such as sauna & fitness room
- 15% discount on Spa treatments
- Bathroom amenities in the cabin
- Free Wifi & drinking water



Juliette Balcony Cabin Layout

\*Other cabin categories are of similar size, just different decks and some with window instead of Juliette Balcony.



#### **BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

A non refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of the booking. Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Bookings made within 90 days prior to departure, subject to availability, will require immediate payment.

The tour cost is subject to 10 paying passengers having booked 90 Days prior to Departure. If we have not attained this number it may be necessary to review the tour cost. It will also be necessary to review the Tour Escort arrangements and offer similar arrangements on an unescorted basis.

All Hotels, Touring and Restaurants mentioned may be changed due to operational reasons and/or restrictions imposed by authorities, and are not specifically guaranteed.

### **INCLUSIONS:**

- 1 night in Vienna including city tour
- 7 night cruise
- Meals as per itinerary
- Shore excursions
- Services of English speaking local guide during sightseeing
- Gratuities and Port Charges
- 2 nights in Munich including half day tour and Oktoberfest
- Tour escorted by Andi von Zeppelin

#### **EXCLUSIONS:**

- Airfares from Australia
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Excursions/Sightseeing & Entrance fees not mentioned in itinerary
- Room extras such as mini bar, room service etc
- Travel Insurance
- Passport requirements

## SAVE \$1,000pp Book by 29 Feb



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Andi looks forward to welcoming you onboard this fantastic European river cruise adventure!

CABIN CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE <i>pp</i> Brochure EARLYBIRDS		SINGLES $pp$ Brochure EARLYBIRDS	
A-Grade, Deck 1 2-bed outside, window	<del>\$11,544</del>	\$10,544	<del>\$15,286</del>	\$14,286
C-Grade, Deck 2 2-bed outside, Juliette Balcony	<del>\$12,230</del>	\$11,230	<del>\$16,385</del>	\$15,385

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#### **\*PRICES AND CURRENCY ADJUSTMENT:**

All packages are in AUD and are subject to currency adjustments either up or down until the booking is paid in full. Any variation to the prices will be based on the rates available to us at the time the deposit is paid and again hen final payment/balance of tour cost is due.

Cancellations fees will apply. All services and reservations provided are subject to the condition of the principal providers. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended.